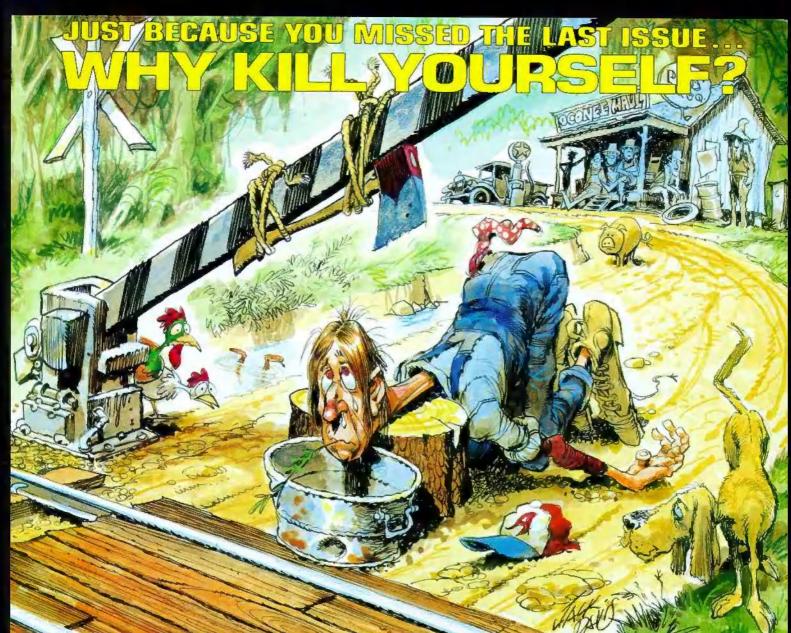
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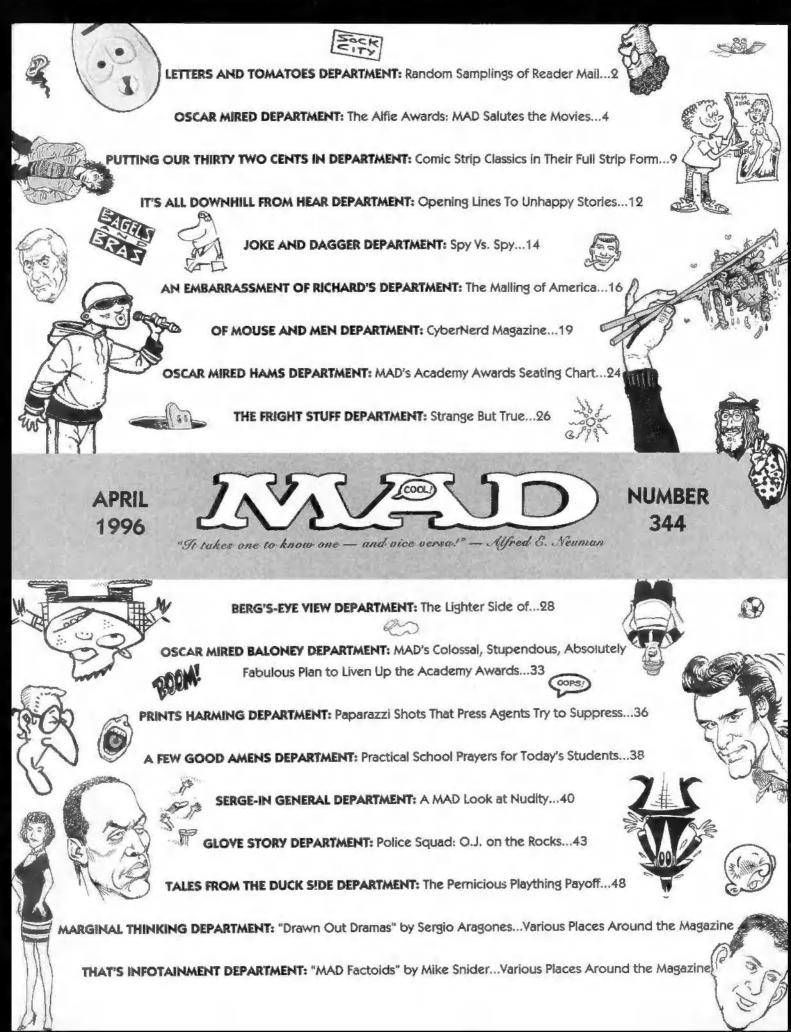




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CELEBRITY SNAPS

Enclosed is a picture of me (the big guy with the goofy hair) and Roy Lichtenstein, one of the fathers of pop art. His paintings have revolutionized the art world, although I don't quite get why a bunch of cartoony drawings with odd dialogue is so great (that's really all MAD is anyway)! I hope that you will print this because if not, it means I bugged Roy Lichtenstein for no reason!

Ben Valentine Delaware, OH



Roy Lichtenstein? What a coincidence! We recently heard that President Clinton announced he will not, under any circumstance, send any U.S. troops to Lichtenstein! We, however, WILL send a free three year subscription to Ben! See how easy it is? Just send us a photo of yourself and an incredibly famous celebrity both holding MAD and II we print it, you'll win the three! A triol Tres! The Hat Trick!



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OH SHEA CAN YOU SEE?





Actor John Shea, star of ABC's Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman recently dropped by the MAD offices to pick up a copy of our eatire "Lotus and Cluck" in issue #3361 He immediately took the issue and, as his character on the show Lex Luthor might, fashioned it into some sort of weird Kryptonite Dickeyl it was nice of John to visit us since last Summer the MAD staff took a trip to Shea Stadium! Fa fa fall

LETTERS &

"SAFE MTV VIEWING"

I was reading issue #341 and in "MAD's Parental Guide for Safe MTV Viewing" you said it takes 17 muscles to smile. This is untrue. It only takes 14 muscles to smile. You should know this — I do, and I'm only 12!

> Lauren Wolfe Wilkes-Barre, PA

Lauren — after reading your letter, We dry heaved, which coincidentally also requires 17 muscles — but not the same 17 it takes to smile! Actually, our tally included the three extra muscles the typical elack-jawed MTV viewer requires to crack a grini Someday you'll know about such things — maybe when you're 13!

In your MTV article in MAD #341, you had the Green Day video playing on a "Moronola" TV. I suspect that this is a takeoff of a Motorola television. This is all fine with me except for one little thing. Motorola hasn't made a single television in fifteen years! That television looks a lot newer than fifteen years! Get with the program, huh?

Matthew Holden Son of a Motorola Engineer Chatham, NY

Sonny Boy — Indeed, we are all painfully aware of the tragic plight of the once proud Motorola Corporation. Years ago, Motorola was at the forefront of modern television technology. Now, it is a ead, disgraced shell of its former self, getting its brains beat out by the likes of such ereatz companies as Samsung and Goldstar! In his book, "The Pathetic and Shameful Collapse of the Once Great Motorola Company" (Merkis Press, 1994), business writer H. Norman Peckins writes on page 418 that the "pathetic and shameful collapse of the once great Motorola company dovetalls almost uncannily with the company's decision to hire an engineer named 'Holden." He gives no further details. Thanks for writing! — Ed.

TRADE NOT!

I am a big MAD fan. I have issues from 1961. Oh, by the way, how do you like the MADmobile I made? It would be gladly traded for MAD #1. Think about the offer! MAD rules!

> Jordan Harris Millersport, OH



Jordan — We don't want the MADmobile, but we'll be happy to ewap you a mint condition MAD #1 If you can come up with one of those great, classic TV sets that Motorola used to make before they hired that Holden guy! Whaddaya eay? I it a deal? — Ed.

TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

JENNIFER-LY SPEAKING

I recently wrote to you and requested various favors pertaining to Miss Jennifer Aniston of the NBC sitcom Friends. As of yet, I have received no reply of any kind. Maybe I am being unfair and haven't given you enough time yet, but unless something is done soon, I will be forced to cancel my subscription. In ■ recent issue (#339), you said to Mr. Sai Attinello, "We're in the business of ful-filling reader's wishes..." Maybe you forgot what I asked for, or my letter got lost in the mail, so I will repeat my requests. First of all, ask her if she will marry me. If she refuses, have her send me a frameable picture of herself lathered up in the shower. If she doesn't want to do that then have her send me a picture of herself while dressed in her underwear. If that can't be done I will settle for a regular autographed picture or a letter from her. By the way, I am not a stalker or anything, but rather a 15year-old male with no other life than watching Friends on Thursdays.

Andrew Hensel New Matamoras, OH

Ando — We are in the business of fulfilling reader's wishes, and we used every bit of "Hollywood Juice" we had to acquire the photos of Miss Aniston you requested, but also, we were unsuccessful. We have, however, come up with what we think is a very delicious substitute — a vintage photo of MAD's own Lenny Brenner alisthered up (just the way you like)! As a bonue, we're also including a photo of MAD's own Lenny Brenner covered in tomato paste! (Bet you'd like to see Jennifer try that, huh, huh?) Cilp out these wallst-size pics and keep them with you always as your "pocket friends"! —Ed.





Everyone's "Pocket Friend" — MAD's own Lenny Brenner — the way Andrew H. likes 'em!

INSIGNIFICANT DATA

MAD #345 ON SALE April 9!! MAD SUPER SPECIAL #112 ON SALE March 26!!

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(Because if it was on sale last year it wouldn't be on sale anymore and you wouldn't be able to buy it, now would you? And this ad would be useless, now wouldn't it? Did you ever think about that? So stop reading this and go down to the newsstand and buy it!)

OSCAR MIRED DEPT.

Every year, Hollywood's biggest players don their best Armani, hop inside limos bigger than your living room and gather to pat themselves on their collective backs for another job well done! That's right, they actually have the chutzpah to hand out Oscars to members of an industry that produces products like *Tank Girl* and *Jade!* Well, this year, we've gathered Hollywood's biggest players and invited them to...





There's Woody
Alleni in Mighty
Aphrodite he
plays middleaged man who
adopts a child...

Hey, that's

...and then

ends up sleep-

ing with the child's mother!

Uh-oh...

Hey, that's a switch for him!

Oprah, Umal Uma, Oprahl

WELLS

Dave, Pink Slip! Pink Slip, Dave!

I'm here with the latest James Bond. Pierce Brosnan! Tell me. Pierce, did you do all those astounding stunts in Golden-Eye yourself?

No, the producers insisted on bringing in a stuntman to do all my action scenes for mei Too bad the producers didn't insist on bringing in Sean Connery to do all his ACTING scenes for him! Then you would have had a really great Bond flick!



This next category is called "Pretty and Pretty Pitiful" I If you want to see the first nominee's acting ability, you have to use your memory and recall The Grifters and Bugsyl If you use your admission ticket to The American President, you won't see Annette Bening doing much of anything!



The second nominee is Cindy Crawford, who made her film debut in Fair Game! Maybe in her next picture she'll make her ACTING debut!





And the winner is Wesley Snipes for his portrayal of a transvestite in To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmart He was so convincing that my ex-husbands are trying to get in his pants!

Thanks, Roseanne! Since black actors never get the big money that white action stars like Stallone and Willis get, I might as well try to get the money Whoopi Goldberg getsl



Next up: the "Shelly Long Memorial Award," also known as the "You Shoulda Stayed In TV Award"! Former winners include Ted Danson for Made In America, Tom Selleck for Mr. Baseball and Kirstie Alley for It Takes Two!



And the winner is, hands down, the putz who left the highly successful, highprofile TV show NYPD Blue to become an unsuccessful, high-profile failure in



in the category, "The Fastest Movie — From Big Screen To The Video Store," our first nominee is The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers! The second nominee is *Dangerous Minds*, yet another movie about tough kids and how they learn to love school thanks to a dedicated teacher!



She keeps giving us candy bars whenever we do anything right! She's trying to bribe us into being good students!

Bull! She's trying to give us diabetes to get rid of us!

And the winner is Outbreak, Dustin Hoffman's fifth bomb since he won an Oscar for Rain Mani



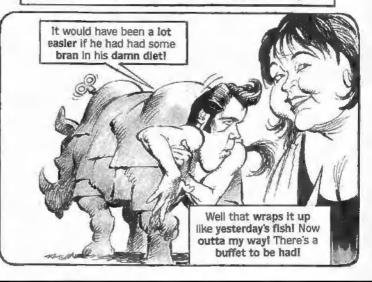
The first nominee in the "Chutzpah" category is Demi Moore, co-producer of *Now and Theni* Although she, Meianle Griffith and Rosie O'Donnell are featured in the ad, they only appear briefly as wrap-arounds for three twelve-year-old nobodies!





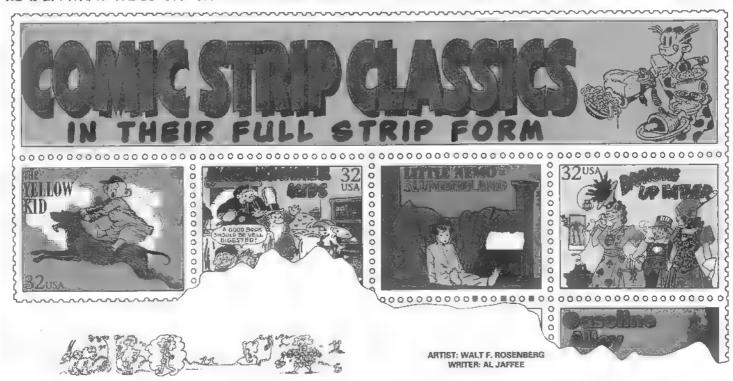
When you hire your untalented brother to co-write a screenplay with you, that's chutzpah! Nominee Eddle Murphy's Vampire in Brooklyn is the result! And the winner is Jim Carrey for Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls! To get \$20 million to do the same thing he did in the first picture is lunacy! Then again, Stallone's been getting millions for doing the same thing in every picture for years!





PUTTING OUR THIRTY TWO CENTS IN DEPT.

THE POST OFFICE RECENTLY ISSUED A BLOCK OF STAMPS HONORING CLASSIC COMIC STRIPS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE STAMPS ONLY FEATURE ONE PANEL OUT OF EACH STRIP, SO CURRENT READERS HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THESE OLD CLASSICS WERE ABOUT! TO CORRECT THIS OVERSIGHT, MAD NOW REVEALS...





























































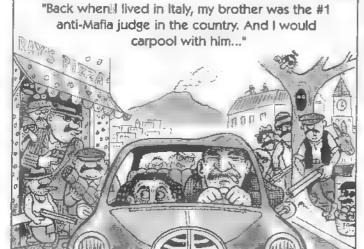


"A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away." "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." "Here's a story of a man named Brady." All of these are great opening lines, but if you didn't hear the story that follows, you'd have no idea what the hell they were about! But sometimes, all you need hear III one beginning line to get the point! Like these . . .

PENINGLINE TO UNHAPPY STORIES ARTIST: TOM BUNK WRITER: GREG ECKLER

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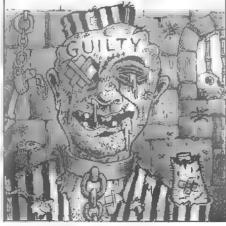
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"Something happened today that will convince you, completely and irrevocably, that precision flying demonstrations should not be held over densely populated areas..."



"Thailand has much stricter penalties for drug trafficking than Venezuela, and here's how I know..."

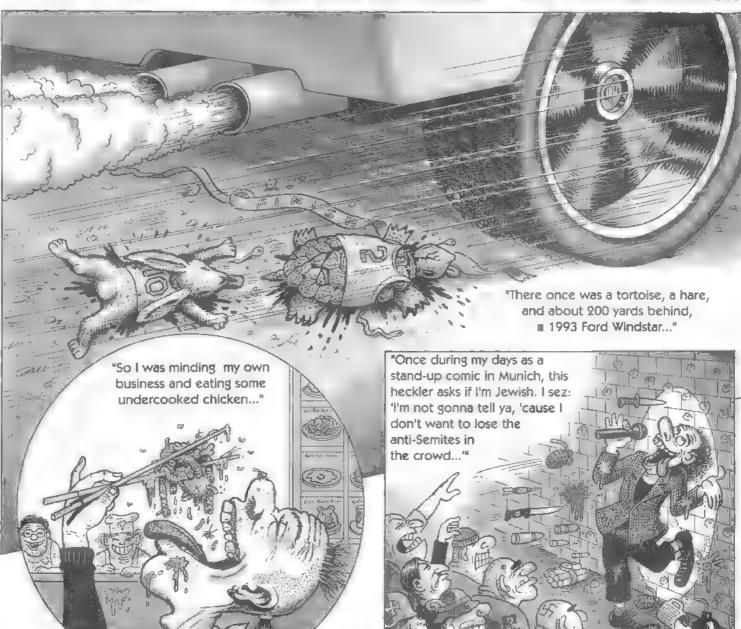


"I'd just gotten my first ATM card and thought it might take a while to figure out the machine; to avoid embarrassment, I went in the middle of the night, when size downtown is completely deserted..."



"Because of the aging process, it's only natural that most people lose the ability to properly do their job at some point. And fire-eaters are no exception..."

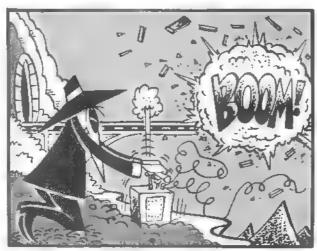




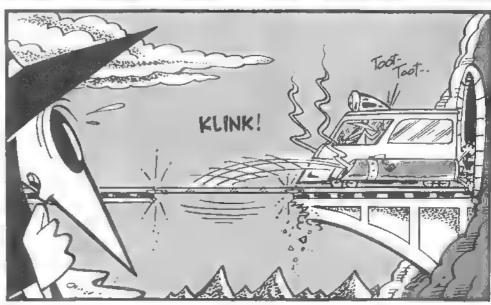
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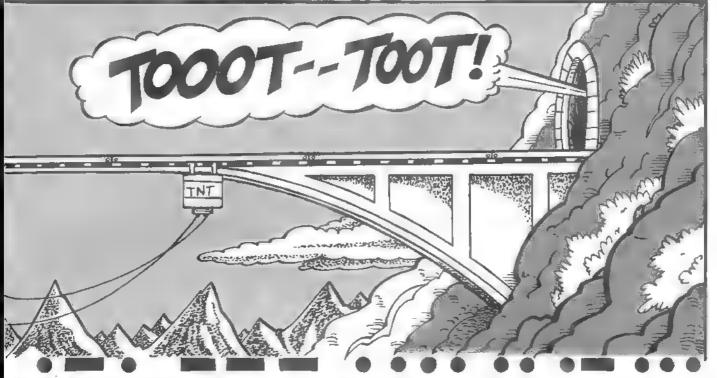




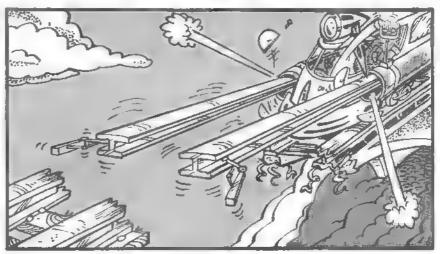


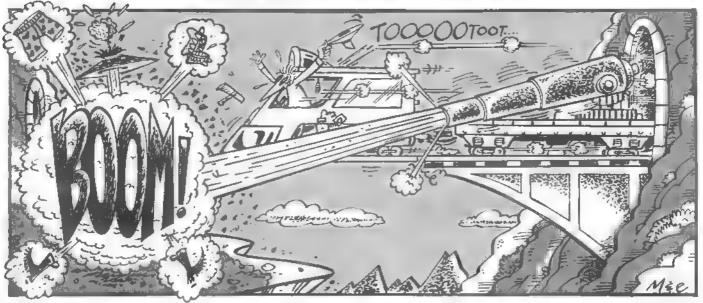






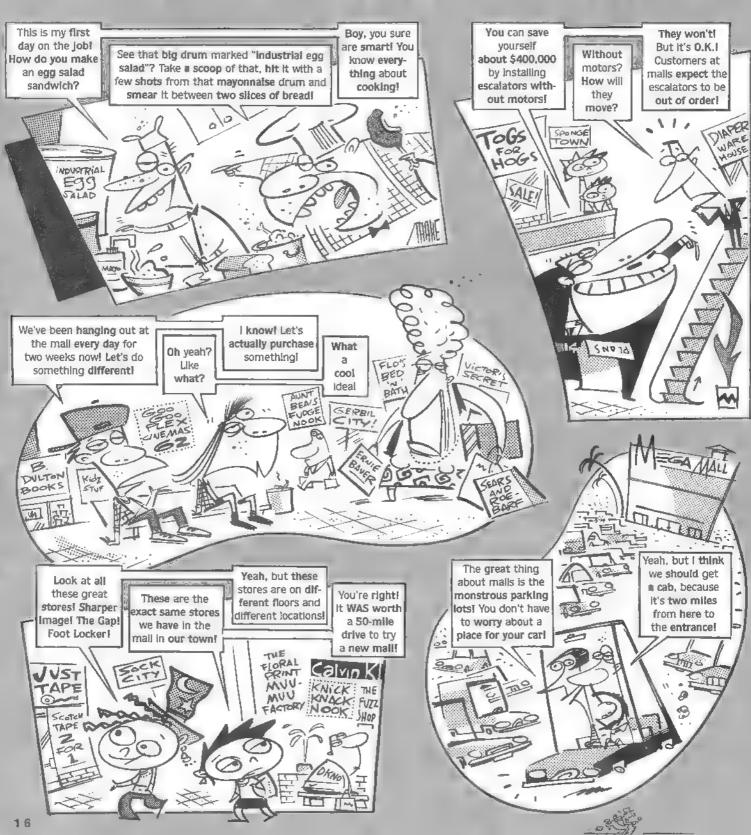






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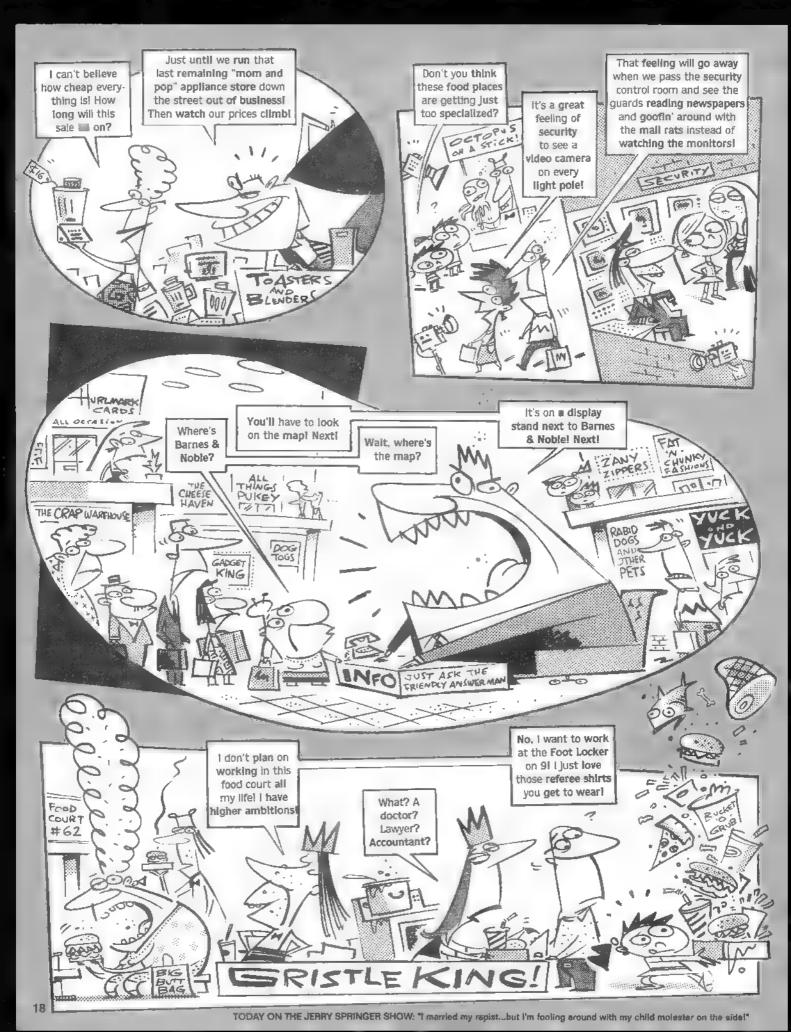




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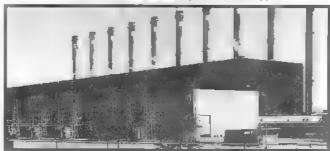
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THE OLD DAYS



Hard to believe,

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ASK CYBERRED,



Dear CyberNed,

I'm currently in m Federal Prison because the Government claims I hacked my way into a bank computer and "stole" 20,000 Credit Card numbers. But it's not true: I merely capied them — all the original numbers are still there! (And, I never used them to buy anything unless it was stuff that I really, really wanted!) What do you think of this heavy-handed intrusion into the private lives of poor, innocent computer users?

Kevin Nickmit@www.solitary.fed.pen

Dear Kevin.

It sounds like exactly the same kind of Big Brother overreaction that I myself experienced a few years ago, for merely stumbling into the NORAD Missile Control computer and casually browsing through their ICBM Launch Codes! (And they call this a "Democracy"! Shocceh!)

Dear CyberNed,

Recently, my local Supermarket's Home Delivery FAX Line broke down, so — for the first time in years — I had to actually leave my house. Can I sue them for the 47 1/2 minutes of Internet time I lost while out grocery shopping? tdoff@compulsive.net.nut

Dear t.

Sure! But, because our legal system is so weefully behind the times technology-wise, it would almost certainly involve your having to leave your house again! My advice to you: forget about lawsuits; just crase their computer's "SYSTEM.EXE" files instead!

Dear CyberNed,

How can I get other CyberNerds to stop teasing me because I have such a short...you-know-what? ed@aol.com

Dear ed,

It's NOT how LONG a guy's online address is — it's how he uses it! (But, you've got to admit, "ed@aol.com" — that's a mighty puny little fellow you got there! Hee-hee-heel)

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THIS MONTH's Question:

"Do People who use Computers to play Video Games have too much FUN to be considered 'one of us?"

59%..."Yes!"

16%..."You're not a Poll Taker!"
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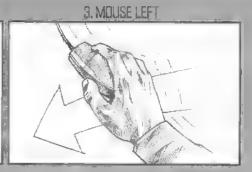
on the PHONE, for heaven's sakel That would mean breaking off your modem connection! Instead, punch up the Web Page of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta ("http://www.cdc.achoo") and have THEM call up your local EMS Dispatcher! — Finally, if your condition deteriorates dramatically, we offer ONLY as a last resort: "http://stiffs.r.us@mortuary.we.pick.up"

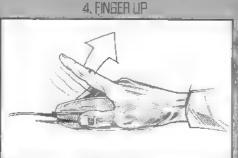
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To tell you the truth, we have no idea what it is, either! But...it's BRAND NEW and STATE-OF-THE-ART, therefore it's IMPERATIVE that you get yourself one pronto, before the "average computer guy" does, and starts bragging about it! [Circle reader service card \$000]



Hollywood gives us thrills! Terror! Brutal carnage! And that's just in the audience for

MAD'S ACADEMY AWA

ROW 9 SEAT 7

Still thinks it's
hysterical to repeat the
"Royale with Cheese"
metric system scene from
Pulp Fiction over and
over again.

ROW 8 SEAT 6

The producer who didn't want to waste \$200,000 getting Jim Carrey pre-signed for Ace Ventura 2.

ROW 9 SEAT 5

Richard Gere, admiring the slender, cylindrical shape and smooth, smooth contours of the Oscar statuette.

ROW 7 SEAT 6

Ron "Horshack" Palillo, wondering "Why Travolta and not ME?!?"

ROW 7 SEAT ■

Gen. Colin Powell:
After mulling it
over for months,
decided he "didn't
have the fire"
to go see
The American
President.

ROW 7 SEAT 8

Here to see that Casino wins "all da little statues, or eise!"

ROW 7 SEAT 7

Billy Crystal: Eligible for the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for not hosting the ceremony.

ROW 5 SEAT 8

The all-time
Hollywood legend
who may not
make it through
the next halfhour until his
Lifetime
Achievement
Award.

ROW SEAT 7

After ignoring the sick, aged and needy for the past 364 days, he's dusted off the oi' red ribbon to show the world he truly cares.

ROW 6 SEAT 5

Just waiting for any pause, ready to scream "How-ARD!!!" or "BABA BOOEY!"

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WRITER DESMOND DEVLIN

ROW 10 SEAT 5

Still hoping for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for Jumanji, even though historically, the Academy has been very unkind to armor-plated herbivores.

ROW 8 SEAT 4

Michael Eisner: Not at all certain that the Pocahontas musical number should be performed by Courtney Love.

ROW 9 SEAT 4 and 3

John Goodman and Rosie O'Donnell: Can't get the thought of the post-awards free buffet out of their minds.

ROW 10 SEAT

Kevin Costner's acting coach.

ROW 8 SEAT 2

Mia Farrow, and the children she has adopted this week.

ROW 7 SEAT 3

Sen, Robert Dole: Denounces the irresponsible media whores who poison America's psyche with exploitative films like Nixon, however, he totally supported everything the actual living President Nixon ever did.

ROW # SEAT 6

Actually sat through all five "Best Documentary" nominees.

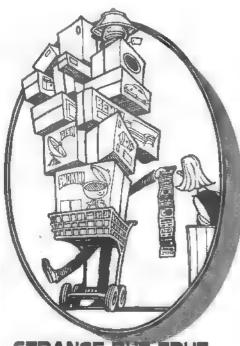
ROW 7 SEAT 4

Melanie Griffith's breasts: Hoping to win for "Best Special Effects."

ROW & SEAT 5

Barbra Streisand, having trouble convincing Oliver Stone that the reason she's never won a Best Director Oscar is due to some sort of conspiracy.

We at MAD can fondly remember a time when life was sweet! A time when the world seemed a brighter place, where one man helped another and a shared sense of values imbued one and all! It wasn't so very long ago, this beautiful time, when everything was in full flower, and the future was limited only by the horizons in our own hearts! Of course, then we hired Al Jaffee! But that's not the only way our world has been turned topsy-turvy, as we give you a selection of things that are absolutely, positively 100%...



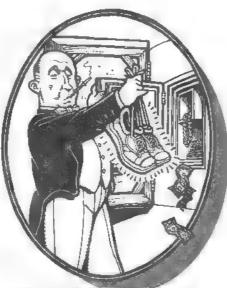
STRANGE BUT TRUE...

When people saw something that they'd really enjoy buying, but didn't have enough money to afford it, they accepted the fact that they couldn't have it.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

There once was such a thing as a "bad haircut".



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Sneakers were once a cheap alternative to shoes.



Phil Donahue used to shock viewers by inviting atheists and hippies on his show.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

When a hard-fought regular baseball season came to an end, all but two teams in the league would pack up and go home.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

There was once an interval of at least 15 minutes between a public tragedy and the first sick joke about it.

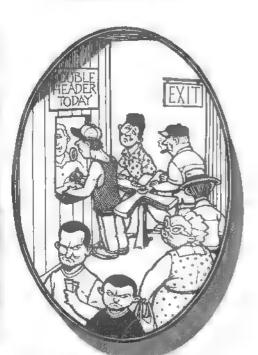
ARTIST: BICK GEARY

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

People used to look forward to an Eddie Murphy movie.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Professional baseball teams would routinely play two games in one day, but the fans only had to pay once.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Convicted felons used to try to downplay their shame by keeping a low profile.



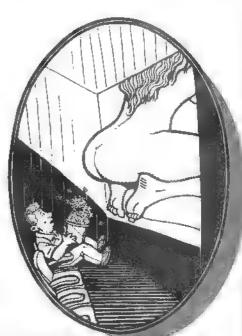
STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Woody Allen was once noted for making movies.



STRANGE BUT TRUE...

Criminal charges used to derail a musician's career.

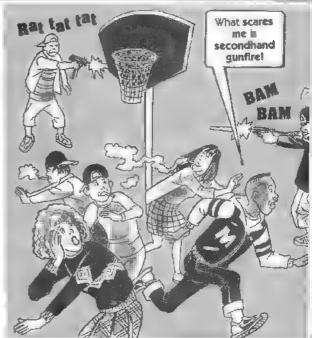


STRANGE BUT TRUE...

People used to go to the movies and fantasize about what the top stars looked like naked.

SAFETY





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTE

EXPERTISE





SERVICE

That Kramer is so furnny! I haven't missed one episode of Seinfeld this season!

Me neither! I love George! That Alexander guy is such a good actor! And Dreyfus! She's wonderful!



Maybe we should get back to the restaurant!



Our customers will be wondering what happened to their waitresses!



SIDE OF...

PREVENTION

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG



No, their dogs are calm and cuddly! It's their kids



HONESTY





LATEST TALK SHOW AUDIENCE RATINGS: Sally Jessy, 128db...Rolanda, 128db...Jerry Springer, 120db...Ricki Lake, 119db.

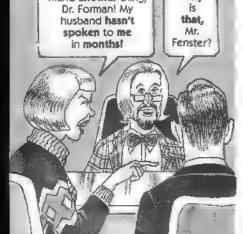
JUSTICE



THERAPY

...and another thing,

Why





ECONOMICS

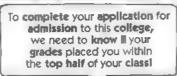
Look at these figures!
Do you realize it costs the taxpayers
\$50,000 a year to keep a criminal in jail?

That's ridiculous! It costs that much to send a kid through college!

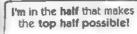


guess this ball in the cup belongs to someone elsei

RELATIVITY







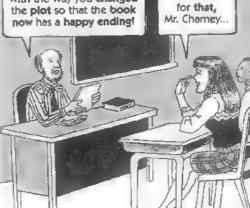




HOMEWORK



I'm especially impressed with the way you changed the plot so that the book now has a happy ending!

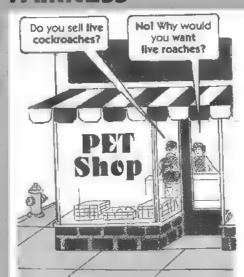


You can't blame me



FAIRNESS





I'm **moving**, and my rotten, lazy **landlord** warned me to leave the apartment exactly how I found it!



THE OFFICE







FEELINGS





DOCTORS

TODAY ON THE RICK! LAKE SHOW: Chubby former cult movie actresses, and the guillible viewers who keep their career alive!





WHITER BARRY LIEBWANN

Billy Crystal couldn't do it. Whoopi Goldberg couldn't do it. And David Letterman certainly couldn't do it!

Yep, when it comes to keeping one billion viewers awake during the Academy Awards ceremony you just can't depend on celebrities. You need a real genius. Unfortunately, we couldn't find any geniuses, real or otherwise, around here!

But since that's never stopped us before, here's...



COLOSSAL, STUPENDOUS, ABSOLUTELY FANTABULOUS PLAN TO LIVEN UP









Reveal award presenters' vital statistics, including their real age, arrest record, cosmetic enhancements and sexual peccadilloes.

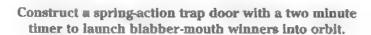
CHARLIE SHEEN

Age: 56

14 DWI Arrests, 2 Facelifts, 13 Fanny Tucks, 6 Hair



Transplants. He enjoys dressing in a Girl Scout uniform while whipped with a sock filled with chicken fat.



Place hidden microphones in the audience, in the bathroom and backstage so we can get the celebrities' true feelings about the proceedings.







Create dramatic tension by matching up presenters who hate each other so much they're liable to commit second-degree murder.

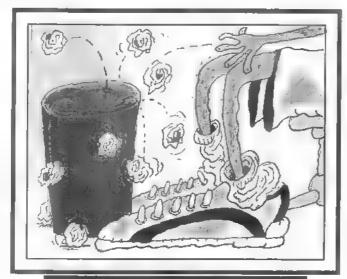


Hook up all winners to audible lie detectors. (And then let's see who they'd really like to thank!)

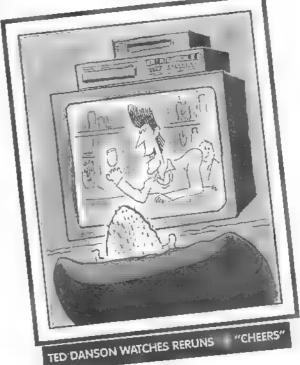


Give a running update on how many of the billions of viewers who tuned in at the beginning are tuning out as the show progresses.





SHAQUILLE O'NEAL WRITING TO HIS SWEETHEART



PRINTS HARMING DEPT.

Celebrities are image-obsessed, materialistic cry-babies! Rather than show their true selves to the world, they spend copious amounts of money to hire people who can successfully create a false but presentable picture of themselves that the public will blindly accept. Filtering information to a naive and unsuspecting public is not always that easy, however, for there are thousands upon thousands of...

PAPARAZZ That Press Agents Try to

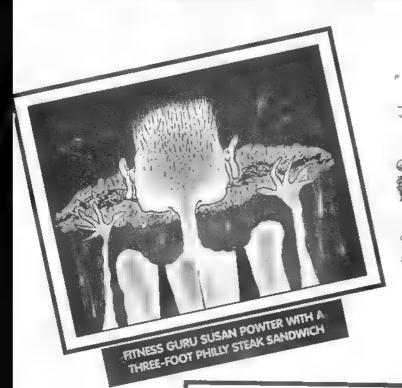


HILLARY CLINTON GETS RID OF SOME PRIVATE TRASH



ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

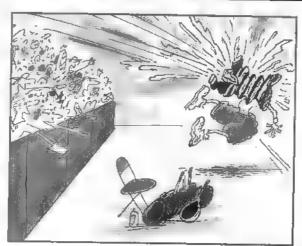
JANE FONDA BUSTS HER LEGTARD





BARNEY TAKING A TEN MINUTE SHOOTING BREAK

press



INGRATE FAN RETURNS SWEATY TENNIS SHIRT TO ANDRE AGASSI



BARBRA STREISAND WAITING FOR CURTAIN CALL



A FEW GOOD AMENS DEPT.

So, Pat Robertson and his holier-than-thou pals want prayer in public schools, huh? Okay, fine with us! But of Rev Pat and his flock can't expect our nation's youngsters to go spouting off esoteric stuff like The Apostles' Creed. (Wasn't Apostles' Creed a boxer in Rocky?) No sir, they need something more accessible, more relevant, more now! Like these...

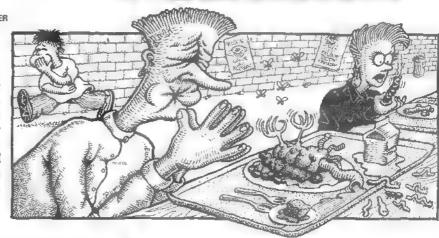
PRACTICAL DRAYERS FOR TODAY'S STUDENTS

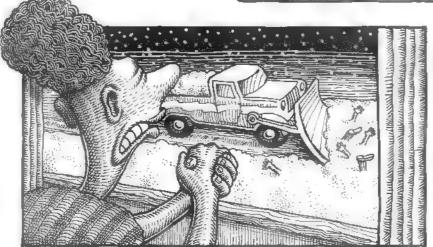
ARTIST: DENNIS LANGDON, JR

WRITER: PASTOR DAN LOZER

Prayer Before Eating A School Lunch

Dear God, please smite whatever bacteria thrives in the food I am about to ingest before it smites me. May the fish be white, the lettuce green, and the gravy any recognizable color. May the meal contain no portions which slither away, or devour the other items on my plate for itself. May my body always remain a holy vessel to cleanse and ward off the chemicals, preservatives and toxic wastes which surely lie within this sad cafeteria lunch. Amen.



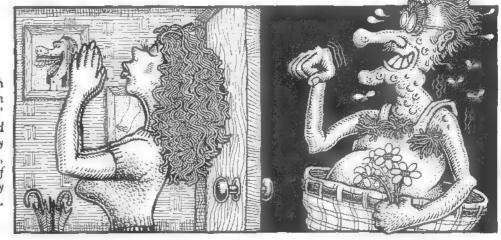


Prayer For A "Snow Day"

O epistemological manifestation of the ontological ground of all being, may Thy massive flakes continue to fall at a rapid pace; may Thy Doppler Radar show ever increasing clouds and mighty snowstorms; may Thy highways and alternate routes, and yea, even Thy bridges and overpasses, be dangerously iced and snarled with traffic; may Thy School Superintendent declare snow emergency for this day and evermore. Amen.

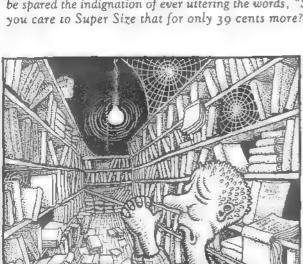
Prayer Before A Blind Date

Great Spirit, I am about to go on adate with one of Your creatures. I beseech Thee, when it is said that he has a "nice personality," may it not mean that he has the charm and sex appeal of an obese K-Mart cashier. May he not turn out to be a computer geek, chronic drooler or fan of Kenny G. Most of all, may he be free of foul odors, unsightly acne and easily transmitted diseases. Amen.



Prayer Before Taking A College Entrance Exam

Dear God, it in written, "Judge not lest ye be judged." Yet judged I am about to be. May I know the proper opinions to write in my essay, so that in its final judgment it be deemed "intelligent" and "insightful," though it be bovine fecal matter. Guide me through my confusion and ignorance so that I may guess as They would have me guess. May my test scores qualify me for an institute of higher learning so that I may be spared the indignation of ever uttering the words, "Sir, would you care to Super Size that for only 30 cents more?" Amen.





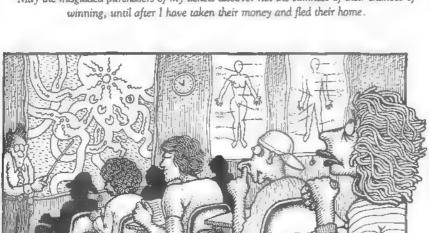
Prayer Before Using An Underfunded School Library

Wise and infallible Lord, Thou truly art the source of all knowledge, not this wretched library. Deliver me from this ancient evil, the Dewey Decimal System, which leads me astray in my quest for academic enlightenment. I beseech Thee to direct me to the parts of the "Space Exploration" article in the 1967 World Book which may still be deemed useful. May the lost souls on the School Board see the error of their ways and restoreth funding to Thy literary temple, bringing forth a new copy of Huckleberry Finn to replaceth the current copy which lacketh pages 7 - 117. Amen.



Blessed are You, O Mighty and Powerful in the Sky! As I go forth to solicit these unholy examples of our daily bread, grant that my relatives and neighbors buy no less than one box of everything I am selling, whether they desireth it or not; grant that my customers shall never come to know the exorbitancy of the prices I have been instructed to charge; grant that my total lack of enthusiasm shall not translate into a total lack of sales nor incur the wrath of my parents when they are compelled to purchase \$112 worth of snacks rich in hydrogenated oils.* In the name of the First Musketeer, the Second Musketeer and the Third Musketeer. Amen. *Insert the following line when selling Raffle Tickets

May the misguided purchasers of my tickets discover not the slimness of their chances of winning, until after I have taken their money and fled their home.

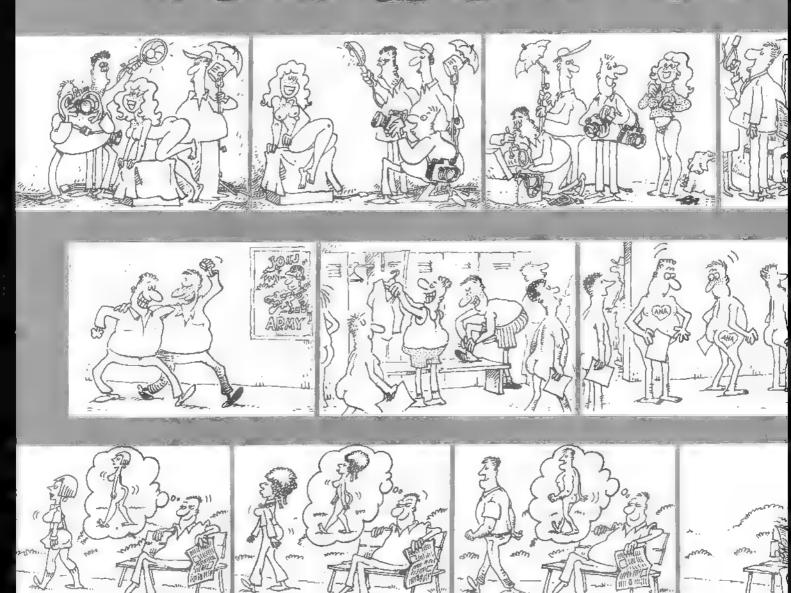


Prayer Before A Sex Education Lecture

O God Almighty, who has seen us naked from birth. Have mercy on our souls and protect us from those "experts" who reduce the wondrous ecstasy of sex to mere biology, using terms like "spermatozoa," "fallopian tubes" and "zygote." Spare me from excessive giggling during the in-depth discussion on the "function of the gonads." May the condom demonstration not involve fresh produce. Finally, may I get to know in the Biblical sense the hunk in the third row, two seats in front of me, so that we may put this abundance of enlightenment we have gained here into practice. Amen.

SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.

AMAIOLOOK



ATTENTION PEOPLE WHO SCRATCH THEMSELVES UNDER THE ARM THEN TRY AND SNEAK A QUICK FINGER SNIFF: We see you!





AT NUDIT



ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

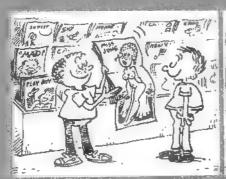










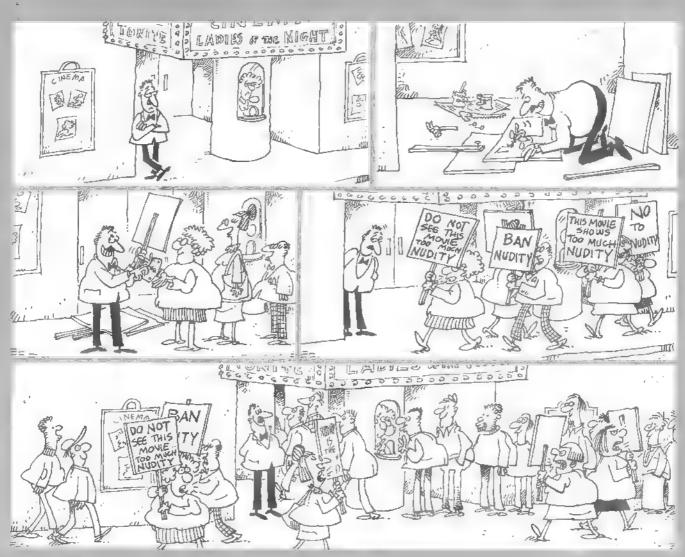












GLOVE STORY DEPT.

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

It was a typical day! We had just closed an important case! We couldn't solve it, so we just closed it the way we always close cases we can't solve — by dropping the folder behind the filing cabinet! Just as we were about to go out to celebrate another case successfully hidden, a man entered! A big man! He looked like an athlete! A famous athlete! My unerring police instincts told me it was 0.J. Simpson, but not being a fan of professional water polo! I wasn't sure! Another mystery! couldn't solve! But since he was too big to slip behind the filing cabinet! introduced myself as Detective Frank Drebin!

POLICE SQUAD: O.J. ON THE ROCKS

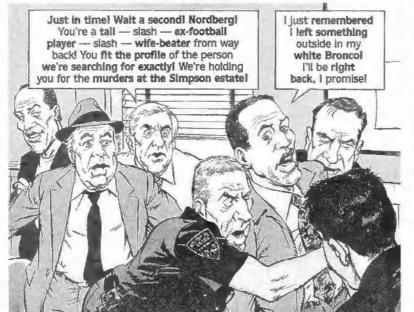






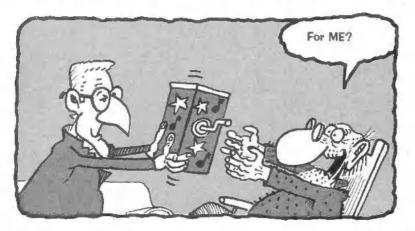




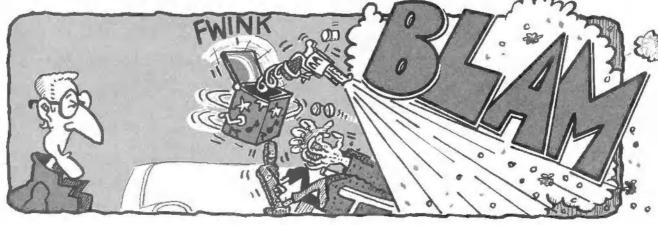




THE PERNICIOUS PLAYTHING PAYOFF









WHAT'S THE NEW HOT SPORTS FAN COLLECTIBLE?

AP

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

There are no more avid collectors than wild-eyed sports fans. They collect everything from trading cards and game-worn jerseys to game-worn socks! But now, there is a new trend in professional sports collectibles. To find out what the newest and hottest thing is, told page in as shown.

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FOOTBALL

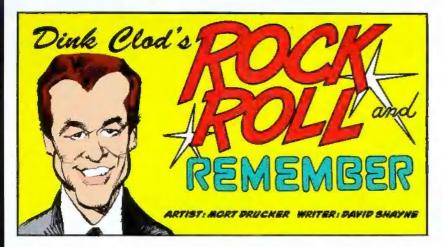


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MUTUAL INTEREST IN ATHLETIC ITEMS CAN BRING LEGIONS OF BUYERS AND SELLERS OUT TO SHOWS FEATURING THINGS FROM ALL KNOWN SPORTS

BASEBALL



MANY ROCK STARS ARE CONCERNED WITH SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND NONE MORE THAN GLAIS N' ROSES GLITARIST SLASH, WHO RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL RAISE ALL 10,000+ SPECIES OF LIFE FOUND IN THE BRAZILIAN RAINFOREST IN HIS HAIR!



OVERWEIGHT AND OUT OF SHAPE, ELVIS PRESLEY REPORTEDLY WEIGHED 268 POUNDS WHEN HE DIED IN 1977. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU SUBTRACT THE PART OF HIS MASS THAT WAS PURE, UNDI-GESTED BUTTER, HE WAS ACTUALLY A SVELTE 174 POUNDS!



SHERYL CROW ALMOST MISSED OUT ON SCORING A NUMBER ONE HIT WITH HER SINGLE, "ALL I WANNA DO (IS HAVE SOME FUN", CREDIT HER PRODUCER FOR NIXING THE ORIGINAL TITLE; "ALL I WANNA DO (IS HAVE A DIGITAL STATE STANK!")



WITH HIS LAST ENTERTAINING ALBUM, PURPLE RAIN RELEASED IN 1984, THE ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRINCE ANNOLINCED THAT HE IS GOING TO CHANGE HIS NAME AGAIN TO THE ARTIST FORMERL) CARED ABOUT!

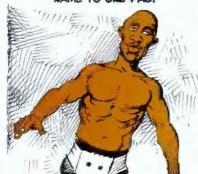




POP DIVA AND SEX ICON MADONNA HAS
BEEN WELL-RECOGNIZED FOR HER WILD
VIDEOS AND OUTRAGEOUS ANTICS. BUT
SHE'S RECEIVED VERY LITTLE ATTENTION
FOR HER HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS,
NAMELY THE FACT THAT SHE HASN'T
MADE A MOVIE IN OVER 18 MONTHE!



WITH THE LOSS OF A TESTICLE IN A RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT, RAPPER TUPAC SHAKUR HAS CHANGED HIS NAME TO ONE-PAC!



IT TOOK A WHILE FOR THE O'JAYS TO SELECT A NAME WHEN THEY FIRST FORMED IN THE 'SOS, IN A WERD TWIST, AMONG THE REJECTED NAMES WERE: "THE ITOS," "THE KATOS," AND "THE SHAPIROS!"



SAY WHATEVER YOU LIKE
ABOUT HIS SUCCESSES, BUT
THERE'S NO DENYING THE
FACT THAT "BON JOV!" MEANS
"NO TALENT" IN SEVERAL
CHINESE DIALECTS!

